

MUCH WORK FOR GRAND JURIES

Discrepancies in Tax Returns to Be Sifted—Clifton Forge Puzzling.

That there will be work for special grand juries in connection with the tax returns this fall is the opinion of State Auditor of Public Accounts C. Lee Moore, who has been going over the books of the commissioners of the revenue as they have come in. In the main, the books so far received have shown a healthy increase, and bear evidence that the commissioners have made honest efforts to arrive at proper assessments. Some cases are puzzling, as for instance when one district in the prosperous county of Rockingham reports that it has no citizen whose income is as much as \$2,300 a year. Apparent discrepancies in Nansemond and Buckingham Counties are accounted for by the fact that whereas assessments were formerly made of certain private banking firms, as incorporated banks they are now assessed by the Corporation Commission. No one has attempted to account for the decrease in intangible values returned from Clifton Forge, which also reports less income than last year. There is not a bond or other evidence of debt listed for taxation, no capital stock of incorporated companies, no shares of stock in incorporated companies, and according to the sworn statement of the Commissioner of the Revenue, the aggregate of individual capital in business is \$6,000, while of money in bank there is only \$18,536.

Table with columns for County, District, and Taxable Values (Tangible, Intangible, Incomes).

On the left is shown General Cipriano Castro, the little dictator-out-of-a-job, who, in an effort once more to make himself the tyrant of Venezuela, is leading a revolutionary army into that Central American republic to overthrow President Juan Vicente Gomez.



On the right is a photograph of President Juan Vicente Gomez, against whom Castro's present efforts are directed, and who succeeded Castro when the latter was forced to depart from his native land. General Gomez, known as "El Mocho," shown at the bottom, is the man who hopes to win the presidency of Venezuela when the Castro rises. Hernandez is at present in New York, out of consideration for the Venezuelan Nationalist party, and says that he believes Gomez will put which he believes the people will overthrow Gomez, and, perhaps, place "El Mocho" in the seat of power in the little republic.

HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD LETTER TELLS OF FAMOUS SPRINGS

John Van Lew Describes Mountain Four Miles High. The Hot and White Sulphur Great in Those Days—Saw Many Wild Animals.

Virginia's Warm and Hot Springs go where I may, I shall never forget were famous resorts when watering places that have since become popular years ago yesterday John Van Lew, father of the famous Elizabeth C. Van Lew, of war history, wrote from Richmond to his mother and sister about the Virginia springs he had encountered on his way, quaintly describing them as highly beneficial to "billious habits and debility."

The writer of the letter came to Richmond from New York and opened the first hardware store in this city on the site now occupied by the establishment at 157 East Main Street. He married a daughter of Hilary Baker, of Philadelphia. He died in the forties after amassing a large fortune.

Mr. Van Lew built the historic home at Twenty-third Street, which bore his name. In those days it was one of the most imposing mansions of the city, and the centre of many brilliant entertainments. He had three children, Mrs. Klapp, of Philadelphia, a son, and the noted Miss Elizabeth A. Van Lew who was at one time postmaster of Richmond, and who lived in the large Grace Street house until her death. The only descendant of Mr. Van Lew is a granddaughter, Mrs. M. H. Omohundro, of 3093 Floyd Avenue, this city.

Mr. Van Lew's letter follows: Richmond, August 23, 1813. My Dear Mother and Sister:

I again safely returned to Richmond from a long and pleasant journey, and am happy to inform you that my health is much benefited. I have been the Lord only knows where. It is impossible for me to give you a description of my travels, which actually could fill one quite of paper. I have traveled over an immense number of mountains, one of which was four miles high. Where the White Sulphur half miles from the top. I passed through the clouds. We had to procure a guide to conduct us to the top; otherwise we never would have found the way, for there is but one narrow path that leads to the top. The mountains are inhabited by bears, panthers, wolves, deers and rattlesnakes, all in the greatest abundance. I have for curiosity brought home some rattles, which I should like to send you. The people live in log houses, but appear to have plenty of everything. Now, let me give you some description of the springs. The White Sulphur Spring is so strongly impregnated with sulphur that when you get 150 yards from it you smell the sulphur very plain, indeed, the water tastes so much of it that I could not drink much of it. You well know what a dreadful aversion I always had to anything like brimstone. The Sweet Springs I was more pleased with, which is this side of the Alleghany Mountain; the water is not cool, but tastes very much like soda water, which I suppose you have frequently tasted. These two springs are beneficial to billious habits and debility.

At the Hot Springs the water comes out of the earth hot, the same as it had been boiled in a pot, and at the Warm Springs is hot in the manner, but not so hot; the water is about blood heat. They have a large bath there, which I consider the greatest luxury on earth. Your next letter you will please direct to Lynchburg, as I shall in the course of ten days be settled there. It is only 120 or 130 miles from here. I am sending you large stock of goods and am to take charge of a store there.

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TOWN OF MANASSAS IN THE LIMELIGHT

Awaked Village Becomes Live Town, With Water, Sewerage and Electric Lights.

Manassas, Va., August 23.—Nestling within sight of the Blue Ridge Mountains at the beginning of the famous Piedmont section of Virginia, and lying near the historic battlefield of Bull Run, the town of Manassas has been rudely awakened from its slumbers, has risen, fought and removed the greatest obstacle to progress—its need for water, lights and sewerage. For several years this noted little Virginia town has forged ahead in every respect, but for some time its progress has slowed down, and finally had almost ceased in many ways. Manassas confronted the problem of securing civic improvements, its stepping stone to a greater town and prosperity.

At a recent special election the citizens voted to bond their town for \$75,000, and the election resulted in a victory in favor of the issue. With water, lights and sewerage installed, Manassas will in every respect rank among the most progressive and wide-awake towns in the State. A new era of development will be opened, and it will offer a most attractive field for investment, and a desirable place for manufacturing industries. It already has many of these things, and will in the course of a few years have many more. In the truest sense, Manassas is a town of beautiful homes, churches, excellent schools and first-class commercial and industrial advantages. There are very few towns in the State of Virginia that can boast of as fine buildings as the business section of this place, and improvements are being made constantly. It has miles of concrete walk in every direction, and the streets are of the very best. In this line of progressive development, Manassas is far ahead of any of its neighboring towns.

As to its educational advantages, it has the very best, and is proud of having one of the foremost high schools in Northern Virginia. Graduates from this school are prepared and admitted to any university in the country. In addition to the course of study, agriculture has in the past few years been added, and has met with the best of success, and has advanced rapidly. The graded school, consisting of several hundred pupils, is far above the average, and a most complete preparation is given the students. Eastern College, a twentieth century institution, is located here, and each year brings two or three hundred students to Manassas. Although it has only been here four years, it has grown rapidly, and improved in every respect. The Manassas Industrial School for colored youths is reputed to be one of the best of its kind in the country to-day.

The "Battlefield City," as it has been called, has railroad facilities of the very finest, and is an important shipping point in this section. Two of the most famous battles of the Civil War were fought close to the ground upon which this thriving city stands, and its surrounding country is famous in history. It is safe to say that there is not another town in the State of Virginia that offers greater opportunity and advantages to the home-seeker and the investor. Investments here bring a safe, conservative return; there are no inflated values, neither are there "booms" to burst into ruin. As a consequence, Manassas is progressive and prosperous, and its citizens are entering into an aggressive, along and substantial new era. They are building for the future, not for today, and when other towns have exploded because of overextension in the booming process, and have long been forgotten, Manassas will be forging ahead steadily to a greater city and prosperity.

YOUNG WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN. Head Almost Severed From Body, Which Is Dragged Several Feet. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Wilmington, N. C., August 22.—Miss Ethel Hostick, aged eighteen years, a daughter of Mrs. J. P. Hostick, of Wallace, N. C., was killed while walking on a track of the Tidewater Power Company, which operates an electric line between the city and Wrightsville Beach. The young woman had been spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Edward Schuler, at Anahoum, a suburb of Wilmington, and this morning in taking a short cut to the beach, she was struck by a trolley freight car, and her body was dragged for several feet, the head being cut almost from the trunk. The motorman tried to stop the train when he observed her, but the brakes would not respond in time. Just why the young woman was not near the approach of the train is a mystery. The motorman was placed under arrest, being released under \$1,000 bond pending the coroner's inquest.

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NEWS OF SOUTH RICHMOND

SAYS OFFICER DID IT. Crowder Charges Policeman Schutte With Pitching Him From Truck. Revival Services Are Closed. Storekeepers Are Puzzled. Personal Mention. To-Day in Southside Churches.

With Squire Franklin. Western Taylor, colored, whose case was continued for further evidence, was dismissed yesterday morning by Squire L. B. Franklin in Police Court, Part II, on the charge of stealing \$36.50 worth of clothing from Frank Jackson. W. J. Byrum, suspected of being a deserter from the United States Navy, was also dismissed for lack of evidence.

Are Repairing Roads. About twenty convicts of the State road force are engaged in repairing the road near Forest Hill. For some distance the work of widening and grading the thoroughfare will be carried on. The ground is being leveled alongside the car tracks, in order to prevent washouts. As soon as this work is accomplished, which is not expected to take long, the convicts will be sent to other roads in the county.

Storekeepers Are Puzzled. No action was taken yesterday by Judge Southall in the case of the four Swainboro merchants who appealed from fines by Squire Cheatham for violating the Sunday selling law. An opinion was given that the law applied down in order that the proprietors might know whether or not to keep their stores open on the day of the week of any kind was received. Judge Southall could not be reached by telephone last night, as the line was out of order. The storekeepers are puzzled over the situation, and are not certain whether they will appeal or not. If they do so, a fine will be drawn from Squire Cheatham probably double the one imposed last week.

Personal Mention. Mrs. James Z. Godsey and two daughters, Misses Leon Vashti, and Mary Aleso, of 115 East Twelfth Street, have returned after a ten-day visit to Mrs. Godsey's mother, Mrs. Richard W. Woodruff, near Chesterfield Church.

Miss Page Howlett has returned home from the Warrington horse show. Mrs. Mary Fitchue Pierce, of Ashland, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. T. Tucker.

Mrs. Ruby C. Hancock, of 3206 Hull Street, has returned after a ten-day visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Woodruff, near Chesterfield Church.

Misses Olive and Sallie Blankenship, of 400 West Twelfth Street, have returned home after an extended Southern trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell F. Morris, who have been spending several days in New York, have returned.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bowen and son, of Woodland Heights, have returned home after a pleasant trip North. They stopped at the Pen-Mar Hotel, in Maryland, with relatives. The hotel was burned while they were there, but they luckily escaped.

Miss Sadie Tucker, who has been visiting for some time at Buffalo Lithia Springs, with her uncle, F. F. Reshwood, of Lawrenceville, Va., has returned home.

Indications point to one of the largest exhibits of tobacco at the State Fair this year that has ever been made. Special efforts are being made by the management for a most complete display from every section of the tobacco-growing districts. Many prizes have been offered by the fair association, the following giving the reader an idea of the magnitude of the undertaking: Class 108—For best samples of tobacco exhibited, tobacco to be grown by exhibitor. Samples not to be less than five or more than eight pounds. First, \$20; second, \$20; third, \$10. Each county to receive \$60. Exhibitors compete in their county only. Six exhibitors must compete in each county to award premiums. Prizes offered for the following counties: Amelia, Buckingham, Caroline, Cumberland, Chesterfield, Fluvanna, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, King William, Louisa, Powhatan, Spotsylvania. Class 109—For best samples of smoked tobacco from anywhere in the State except the counties of Powhatan, Buckingham, Amelia and Cumberland.

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